Certifications & Licensure

During your Master’s program in speech-language pathology, you will meet all of the graduate training requirements delineated by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to be eligible for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (which also requires the successful completion of your supervised Clinical Fellowship work experience). Graduate training requirements include supervised clinical contact hours and a range of graduate-level courses in Communication Sciences and Disorders. These overall coursework and clinical training experiences generally meet the requirements for additional state certification, but each state has different requirements which the student should determine by the completion of their graduate program if he or she plans on working in a certain state.

In addition to ASHA certification and state-level certification, many states require a teaching certification for speech-language pathologists (SLPs) who work in an educational/school setting. Our program offers a New York State (NYS) Teaching Certification track in which students will complete all requirements to be eligible for this certification. Coursework requirements for the NYS Teaching Certification include courses from your undergraduate program, a course specific to the role of the SLP in educational settings, as well as the overall coursework and training that are completed during your graduate program at Syracuse University. Additional requirements include a NYS Teaching certification related exam.